



Taiwan and Japan, linked in Skal!

The twinning of the Six Skal International Clubs in Japan and Taiwan will certainly help keep the momentum as we are now more connected than ever!



Skal International Taipei, Taichung and Kaohsiung have officially signed the Twinning Agreement with Skal International Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka.



There are many reasons to connect the six cities in the two nations. We enjoy each other's culture and traditions very much and our friendships in tourism continuous to grow every year. In 2017, we witnessed an increase of 9.5% Taiwanese visitors to Japan and 16% Japanese visitors to Taiwan [information sources: Taiwan Tourism Bureau and Japan National Tourism Organization] .

The Twinning agreements took place in Osaka during the occasion of the **Skal Japan 38th National Congress 2018** and were signed by the respective Presidents and Representatives of each club in the presence of the National Presidents, Councillors and Skalleagues from both nations on March 4, 2018.



From Left to Right:
Hisao Sasaya, Joseph Huang and Frank Liu



From Left to Right:
Kayoko Inoue, Yoshiaki Bito and Yong Sook Lee

Representatives and Partners of Twinning



TOKYO – TAIPEI
Skal Tokyo President, Ms. Kayoko Inoue and Skal Taipei President, Mr. Hisao Sasaya.



OSAKA – KAOHSIUNG
Skal Osaka President, Ms. Yong Sook Lee and Skal Taiwan National President, Mr. Frank Liu.



NAGOYA – TAICHUNG
Skal Nagoya President, Mr. Yoshiaki Bito and Skal Taichung President, Mr. Joseph Huang.



Japan Int'l Councillor, Victor Osumi

At the opening of the event, Skäl National Japan General Secretary, Mr. Matsuo Shigeru presented a donation to Skäl Taiwan President, Mr. Frank Liu to support the disaster relief of recent earth-quake in Hualien. Skalleagues from Taiwan were very touched by such heartwarming gesture by members of Skäl Japan.



Chinese Taipei Int'l Councillor, Eduard Lo

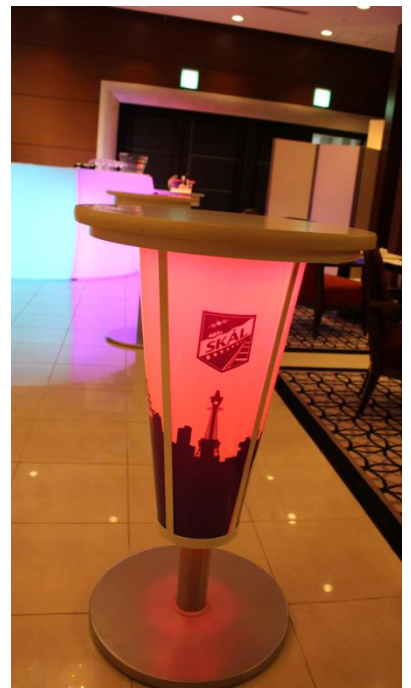


There were positive remarks from both sides, Taiwan National President Frank put emphasis on how Taiwan provides the perfect environment for Japanese visitors because of its close location, climate and history. Japan National President Tsutomu, who was unfortunately absent due to a prior commitment, believes the twinning will be one of the contributors to help expand even more the already existing cooperation and increase in travelers from Japan to Taiwan and vice-versa.

We hope this exciting linkage enhances communication and cultural exchanges between members and, as per Skal motto, creates new business opportunities among friends for both sides.







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